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Welcome to the game

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Chapter 1 by Nicole Nowak

I rest my head on the worn out pillow. The biggest moment of realization in my life. I was never going to see my family again, I'm being sold to a scientist. My body suddenly shivers at the sudden moment of pure knowledge. My tear ducts flood with tears and spill down my cheeks. It's for your family Harvey, you have to do this. This is their ticket out of this place. They deserve the money with all they've done for you. My tired eyes barely remain open, just one more moment of conscious thought. What was I to do but cooperate? There was no escape. There could be a way home, it's possible. But, I didn't know the path then. I just lay there, the only blanket available was my body heat. My family laying on the floor next to me. It's my turn to use the mattress tonight. I see my brother shiver, I take off my jacket and lay it on top of him. His shivering stops and a smile spreads across his little 9 year old face. I've always wanted him to have the best life possible, like mine wasn't. I want him to have a decent education and a job. That's the entire reason that I volunteered for a government experiment. I don't want my brother turned into a science experiment. I want Jeremy to get a job, get married and have a happy normal life. I'd kill for normal, my entire life has been one get rich quick scheme. Every moment of my life I've been scrambling for another way to support everyone. I've been to prison a few times. It can't be any worse then where I'm going tommorow. My eyelids finally

scratched and bruised and of course 9 year old Jeremy with a face caked with dirt. Sarah burst into tears and runs into my arms. She looks up at me with her beautiful blue eyes.

"Are you really go?" She says through her sobs.

"Yes, but you and Jeremy are going to be fine. Ok best friend?"

"Ok Harfey." She says.

I walk up to Jeremy. My eyes begin to water and my vision becomes blurred. But I can still see his little body, i walk up to him and wrap my arms around him.

"Why do you have to leave?" He asks, his face and eyes red.

"So you guys can have food, I'm going to be fine. Don't worry. One last handshake?"

"Of course." He says, slightly smiling. We do our best friends handshake and then I walk over to my grandma.

"Bye grandma." I say to my grandma.

"What?!" She says.

"Oh never mind."

"COME ON HARV! IF YOU DON'T HURRY UP YOU'LL MISS THE BOAT!" Yells my mom.

"Goodbye! I love you all!"

My mom takes me by the arm and pulls me to the dock two streets away.

"Bye honey." She says, pushing me onto the boat. I land on the floor and the boat lurches forward. When I get up and look out the window my moms already gone.

"I love you to mom."

Chapter 2 by Adam

"You're Harvey huh?" I hear a voice behind me say.

"Yeah, I am." It was another boy, with a slim face and threatening blue eyes, his jet black hair half-covering one of them.

"I'm Jace," He introduces, "your going too?" His voice coarse and deep.

"Yes, sadly. Do you know what will happen, Jace?"

Jace Shrugs at me, but doesn't say anything for the next few hours.

The Island was in sight, it wasn't a particularly large island from what we could see from the

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The captain of the ship turned to the both of us, he had a scar over his eye. "Welcome to the game."

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